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Colleen Hanabusa is the fourth generation of a Waianae family and she is a 1969 graduate of St. Andrew's Priory. She attended the University of Hawaii where she received her B.A. in Economics and Sociology in 1973 and her M.A. in Sociology in 1975. In 1977, she received her J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

She is a practicing attorney with more than twenty-five years of experience who has been recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America," Woodward/White, Inc. (1993-present).

In 1998, she was elected to serve as State Senator for the Twenty-First District of Hawaii. Since then she has served as Chair of the Senate Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs (1998-2000), Vice-President of the State Senate (2001-2002), and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (2001-2002). She was appointed Co-Chair of the Joint Senate-House Investigative Committee concerning the Felix Consent Decree and Co-Chair of the Joint House-Senate Task Force on Ice and Drug Abatement. Currently she is the Majority Leader and Chair of the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee.

